

In my honest opinion, I think that traditional AM-FM Radio Broadcasters, have had an exclusive franchise too long. They generate billions in ad revenues for themselves and bombard the general public with Advertising, tantamount to SPAM. Yes AM-FM airwaves SPAM. We do not tolerate Email spam why should we be forced to be continually exposed to Airwave SPAM, just to get the weather or local traffic report.

In short many smaller AM-FM radio stations in this country use their larger competitors traffic and weather reports to report the same facts to their listeners, without the smaller stations having to support the backup infrastructure within their own organization.

Enough with advertising. XM has the idea, I pay for advertising free Content. Let's keep it that way.

Community Information is public domain and no radio station should be permitted to benefit from this information in the form of selling advertising to advertisers for does community information broadcasts

Yes, they the AM-FM radio broadcasters want to make money for providing Content. music and entertainment, which is understandable. However, for these people to lobby the FCC to prevent Satellite Radio from having access to Community information is absolutely preposterous.

AM-FM radio broadcaster and the print medias are the first to yell first amendment rights and now they, want to prevent Satellite Radio from having the same privileges. How ironic. Sounds to me like the lobbyists are running out of new ideas so they have just found a new cause.

Is it that the AM-FM radio broadcasters are worried that they will lose listeners. Yes! XM has proven beyond a doubt that people will pay to listen to Music and entertainment, without listen to Advertising.

Yes, I do listen to weather and traffic reports and other community information and yes, I prefer to listen to this information advertising free.

What happened to the most fundamental principal of US law? Equity! What are AM-FM radio broadcaster smoking these days?

In short. I strongly urge the FCC to flat out refuse the AM-FM industry efforts of trying to stifle competition and prevent Satellite Radio broadcasters from having access to public community information, such as weather reports, local news, traffic reports, emergency reports etc.

These are essential services, which in many cases are provided by various public and or para-public agencies to the broadcasters in the first place.

I'm surprised the NAB has not attempted to shut down every Internet Website that distributes public information, such as weather and traffic reports, etc.

In conclusion I urge Representatives Charles "Chip" Pickering (R-MS) and Gene Green (D-TX) to withdraw HR4026 and ask that

Rep. Joe Barton (R-TX)  
Rep. John D. Dingell (D-MI)  
Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI)  
Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-MA)

OPPOSE H.R. 4026.

I have also personally called the above and expressed by sentiments that HR 4026 be opposed or for that matter withdrawn.

Regards

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